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The Permanent Mission of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and with reference to the Note Verbale ref. no. NP/HV dated 13 December 2018 concerning Human Rights resolution 39/7 on Local Government and Human Rights, has the honour to communicate the following:

The relevant authorities' response was clear regarding the Sultanate's approach and principles in the view of reinforcing the role of the citizen in decision making that serves the public interest, in addition to the government's interest in aspects related to the local governance and Human Rights. For this purpose, municipal council in all the provinces of the Sultanate have been established in accordance to the royal decree 2011/116.

The municipal councils are an integral part of the institutional system supporting development and growth in the Sultanate and constitute a solid basis to advising and making recommendations to the pertinent authorities that define the nature of the living conditions and local needs of citizens, since it is close to them.

Various studies conducted by the United Nations and other entities have underlines the importance of these councils in States as an essential tool for the development process and growth policy.

The Permanent Mission of the Sultanate of Oman avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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